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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a method for isolating normal hepatocytes, the method comprising the steps of: recovering liver tissue from a patient during a hepatectomy; and isolating normal hepatocytes from unwanted cells present in the recovered tissue by magnetic separation. The invention further provides a method of preparing hepatocytes for transplantation, the method comprising the steps of: recovering liver tissue from a patient during a hepatectomy; and isolating normal hepatocytes from unwanted cells present in the recovered tissue by magnetic separation.